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Navajo President Shelly Orders Navajo Flag Lowered to Commemorate a Navajo Marine

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly announced the loss of a Navajo warrior who was serving in the U.S. Marine Corp in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan D. Davis, of Kayenta, Ariz. died on Feb. 22 in Afghanistan in the Helmand province while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 32nd Georgian Liaison Team, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“The Navajo Nation mourns the loss of a warrior who gave his life defending freedom. We are saddened by the loss of our warrior and we offer our prayers to the family during this difficult time. Staff Sgt. Davis was a valued member of the Kayenta community and often remembered for helping to bring home two state high school basketball championships in late 1990s. His presence will be missed,” said President Shelly.

To honor the legacy of Staff Sgt. Davis, President Shelly has ordered the Navajo Nation flag be lowered from sunrise Tuesday, February 26, through Friday, March 1, and again on the day of his funeral service, which is still pending.

According to the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs, Staff Sgt. Davis is the 13th Navajo member of the armed forces to be killed in action in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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